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SUBJECT: NATO FORCE GOALS, 1975-1980: LOW COST/NO COST ITEMS

REF: A. USNATO 2583 (NOTAL)

B. STATE 104386 (NOTAL)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTELS, ON MAY22, CHARGE SENT LETTER ON OW COST/NO COST FORCE GOALS TO ACTING SYG WITH CIPIES TO DPC PERM REPS AND THE CHAIRMAN, MC.
2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

YOU WILL RECALL THAT AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD, IN HIS LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS OF JANUARY 25, 1974, SUGGESTEDTHAT THOSE OF THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS' FORCE PROPOSALS WHICH CAN BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT ANYSIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE SEPARATELY IDENTIFIED IN THE COURSE OF THE ALLIANCE'S DEVEOPLMENT OF COUNTRY FORCE GOALS FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1980. WE

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ARE PLEASED TO NOT THAT, IN THE SEPARATE COUNTRY REPORTS DEVELOPED BY THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE, THOSE FORCE GOALS QUALIFYING AS "LOW COST/NOT COST" MEASURES HAVE BEEN SO IDENTIFIED.

MANY OF THE "LOW COST/NO COST" GOALS ARE IN EFFECT REQUESTS

FOR FURTHER STUDY OR FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATIONS BY NATIONS, AND ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTEMPLATED FORCE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURES. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MEASURES IDENTIFIED BY THE DRC WHICH GO BEYOND SIMPLY STUDYING A REQUIREMENT AND CAN STILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITH LITTLE COST AND IMPORTANT BENEFITS FOR ALLIANCE DEFENSE. SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GOALS WHICH WE HAVE IN MIND ARE LISTED BELOW:

PART I: LAND FORCES

A. IMPROVED ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) TRAINING PROGRAM:

BELGIUM/1L24, CANADA/1L18, DENMARK/1L15, FRG/1L30, NETHERLANDS/1L26, UK/1L18, US/1L23.

B. EARLIER ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES TO MNC COMMAND AND CONTROL:

BELGIUM/1L22(PREPARE CONTINGENCY PLANS TO ASSIGN PART OF PARA COMMANDO REGIMENT TO 1(BE) CORPS); ITALY/1L14 AND UK/1L05(MAKE ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNITS AVAILABLE FOR NATO AT SIMPLE ALERT, STATE ORANGE, OR STATE SCARLET).

C. REFINE PLANS AND COMPLETE SUPPORTING FACILITIES FOR THE SPEEDY RECEPTION AND ONWARD MOVEMENT TO THE COMBAT ZONE OF ALL EXTERNAL LAND REINFORCEMENTS: TURKEY/1L14.

D. ENSURE THAT AN ALLOCATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE RAPID AND EFFICIENT MOVEMENT CAPABILITY FOR DEPLOYMENT AND WAR CONSUMABLE RESUPPLY: US(1L29.

3. DEVELOP JOINT NATIONAL PROCEDURES TO ALLOW AND ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY TRANSFER OF SAM REPAIR PARTS BETWEEN US AND FRG SAM UNITS IN WAR: US(1L30.

PART II: AIR FORCES

A. TRAIN CREWS FOR OFFENSIVE AIRCRAFT IN DEFENSIVE AIR-TO-AIR

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ROLE: DENMARK/1A14 AND UK/1A14.

B. COMPLETE PLANS FOR RECEPTION AND SUPPORT OF AUGMENTATION FORCES: FRG/1A23 AND UK/1A03.

C. DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR STANDARDIZATION AND INTER-OPERABILITY: DENMARK/1A08 (TO IMPROVE INTER-CHANGEABILITY OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

BETWEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF AIRCRAFT); FRG/1A14 AND US/1A14 (BETWEEN USAF MOBILE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEMS (407L) AND THE ACE FIXED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS OF NADGE AND 412L); FRG/1A27 (TO ALLOW AND ACCOUNT FOR TRANSFER OF SPARE PARTS BETWEEN NATIONS USING THE SAME SAM-LO/ SAM-HI WEAPONS SYSTEM).

D. REPLACE THE RADAR SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT ON 15 F-4D AIRCRAFT

WITH NEW STATE-OF-ART EQUIPMENT: US/1A08.

PART III: MARITIME FORCES

A. PROVIDE VESSELS FROM EXISTING/PLANNED RESOURCES TO SPECIFIED MNC'S: BELGIUM/3M02(ONE REPLENISHMENT SHIP FOR CINCHAN); UK/3M09 (TWO REPLENISHMENT SHIPS FOR CINCHAN); GREECE/1M11, ITALY/1M12, UK/1M04S, TURKEY/1M14(ONE EACH DESTROYER/DESTROYER ESCORT FOR A STANDING NAVAL FORCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN); PORTUGAL/2M06, UK/3M09 (ADDITIONAL REPLENISHMENT SHIPS FOR SACLANT).

B. CONVERT TO DISTILLATE FUEL ALL MAJOR SURFACE COMBATANT UNITS WHICH WILL REMAIN IN SERVICE BEYOND 1978: ITALY/1M15, GREECE/1M13, TURKEY/1M16.

C. UPGRADE TO CATEGORY A-1 THREE HELICOPTER-EQUIPPED DESTROYERS: UK/1M01S.

SINCE COST IS APPARENTLY NOT A SERIOUSLY LIMITING FACTOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE LISTED FORCE GOALS, I TRUST THAT GOVERNMENTS-INCLUDING MYOWN-WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THEM, AND THE OTHER LOW COST/NO COST FORCE GOALS,N,N SCHEDULE. I HOPE THAT, ONCE THESE FORCE GOALS HAVE BEEN FORMALLY ADOPTED, DPC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO URGE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION, AND THAT YOU AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL LEND YOUR SUPPORT TO THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD.

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